

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A support or accessory apparatus for a ladder or other article including:
  - (a) a body;
  - 5 (b) a primary attachment member connected to the body;
  - (c) a secondary attachment member securable to the ladder or other article; and
  - (d) locking means for retaining the primary attachment member and the secondary attachment member together.
- 10 2. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 1 wherein the body comprises a fixed component to which the primary attachment member is connected and a movable component capable of moving relative to the fixed component.
- 15 3. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 2 wherein the fixed component comprises a guiding means for guiding the movement of the movable component, wherein the guiding means is in the form of a housing, channel or at least one pair of brackets.
4. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 3 wherein the guiding means comprises a housing.
- 20 5. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 4 wherein the housing comprises an elongate continuous enclosed hollow tube.
6. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 5 wherein the moveable component is an inner member capable of telescopic movement relative to the housing.

7. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 6 wherein the movable component is securable at a desired position relative to the fixed member by securing means.

8. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 7 wherein the  
5 securing means comprises a securing pin located on the fixed component and a mating aperture located on the moveable component, wherein the securing pin when inserted into the mating aperture secures the moveable component relative to the fixed component.

9. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 1 wherein the primary  
10 attachment member is connected to the body by a fastener or is welded thereto.

10. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 1 wherein the secondary attachment member is adapted to be secured to a side rail of the ladder.

11. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 10 wherein the  
15 secondary attachment member secured by a fastener that is adapted to extend at least through the side rail of the ladder.

12. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 11 wherein the fastener is a rod adapted to traverse the ladder from one side rail to another side rail.

13. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 12 wherein the rod is  
20 adapted to be located within an adjacent rung of the ladder.

14. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 1 wherein the primary attachment member and the secondary attachment member engage in a male-female interaction.

15. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 14 wherein the

primary attachment member is a peg and the secondary attachment member is a socket or the primary attachment member is a socket and the secondary attachment member is a peg.

16. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 15 wherein the  
5 primary attachment member is a peg and the secondary attachment member is a socket.

17. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 15 wherein the peg is slidable within the socket.

18. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 17 wherein the  
10 locking means comprises one or more fasteners insertable through co-aligned apertures in the peg and the socket.

19. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 18 wherein said locking means comprises a locking ring or locking pin.

20. The support or accessory apparatus of claim 19 wherein said  
15 locking ring comprises a bent portion adapted to be inserted through said socket aperture and securable within the peg aperture to thereby retain the socket and peg together.

21. A ladder assembly comprising:

- (i) a ladder;
- 20 (ii) a support apparatus or accessory comprising:
  - (1) a body;
  - (2) a primary attachment member connected to the body;
  - (3) a secondary attachment member secured to the ladder; and
  - (4) locking means for retaining the primary attachment

member and the secondary attachment member together.

22. The ladder assembly of claim 21 wherein the support apparatus comprises: an adjustable length support, stabilizer, wall guard, hook, shelf, tray, paint can hanger or bucket hanger.

5 23. The ladder assembly of claim 21 wherein the primary attachment member and the secondary attachment member engage in a male-female interaction.

24. The ladder assembly of claim 23 wherein the primary attachment member is a peg and the secondary attachment member is a socket or the primary  
10 attachment member is a socket and the secondary attachment member is a peg.

25. The ladder assembly of claim 24 wherein the locking means comprises one or more fasteners insertable through co-aligned apertures in the peg and the socket.

26. The ladder assembly of claim 25 wherein the locking means  
15 comprises a locking ring or locking pin.

27. A support apparatus for a ladder including:

(A) a body comprising:

(i) a housing in the form of an elongate continuous enclosed  
hollow tube;

20 (ii) a movable component telescopically movable relative to the housing; and

(iii) a securing means located on the housing, wherein the securing means comprises a securing pin insertable into a mating aperture located on the movable component to thereby secure the movable

component relative to the housing;

(B) a peg connected to the housing;

(C) a socket securable to the ladder; and

(D) locking means comprising a locking pin that is insertable through  
5 co-aligned apertures in the peg and the socket to thereby secure the peg and the  
socket together.

28. A ladder assembly comprising:

(I) a ladder; and

(II) a support apparatus comprising:

10 (a') a body comprising:

(i') a housing in the form of an elongate continuous  
enclosed hollow tube;

(ii') a movable component telescopically movable  
relative to the housing; and

15 (iii') a securing means located on the housing, wherein  
the securing means comprises a securing pin insertable into a  
mating aperture located on the movable component to thereby  
secure the movable component relative to the housing;

(b') a peg connected to the housing;

20 (c') a socket secured to the ladder; and

(d') locking means comprising a locking pin that is insertable  
through co-aligned apertures in the peg and the socket to thereby secure  
the peg and the socket together.